

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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## UTILIZING DATA REDUCTION IN STEGANOGRAPHIC AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

the specification of which: ☐ is attached hereto.  
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

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### Prior Provisional Application(s)

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defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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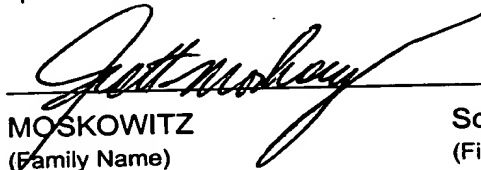
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(Family Name)

Scott  
(First Given Name)

(Second Given Name)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Second Inventor:

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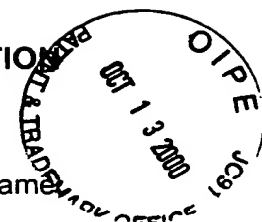
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## ASSIGNMENT

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described in an application for United States Letters Patent filed on June 16, 2000, and accorded Application No. 09/594,719;

AND, WHEREAS, **BLUE SPIKE, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, having a place of business located at 16711 Collins Avenue, #2505, Miami, Florida, 33160 (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said improvements, said United States application, any other United States applications, including provisional, divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said improvements, any foreign applications, including international and regional applications, based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said improvements, and in and to any and all letters patent, including extensions thereof, of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said improvements or any parts thereof;

AND WE hereby agree for ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators to execute without further consideration any further documents and instruments which may be necessary, lawful and proper in the prosecution of said above-referenced application or in the preparation or prosecution of any continuing, substitute, divisional, renewal, reexamination or reissue application or in any amendments, extensions or interference proceedings, or other applications for patents of any region or country, that may be necessary to secure to ASSIGNEE its interest and title in and to said improvements or any parts thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND WE hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said improvements, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said improvements had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not and will not execute any instrument in conflict therewith;



AND WE do hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all letters patent which may be granted upon said United States applications, or upon said improvements or any parts thereof when granted, to said ASSIGNEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott A. MOSKOWITZ

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

)

ss:

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

)

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

7/12/00  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Michael Berry*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael BERRY

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

)

ss:

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

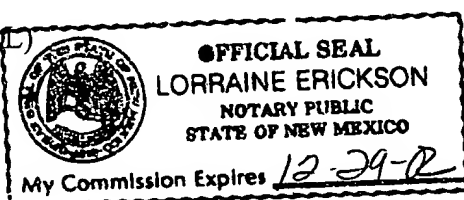
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On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Michael Berry to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be of his free act and deed.

*Lorraine Erickson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires 12-29-02



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AND WE hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said improvements, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed, our right, title and interest in said improvements had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not and will not execute any instrument in conflict therewith;





**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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066112.0137

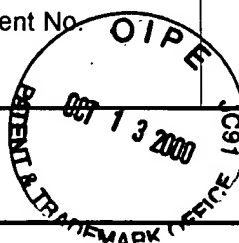
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Applicant/ Scott A. Moskowitz et al.  
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Invention:

**UTILIZING DATA REDUCTION IN STEGANOGRAPHIC AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled above and described in:

- ☐ the specification to be filed herewith.  
☒ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ No such person, concern or organization exists.  
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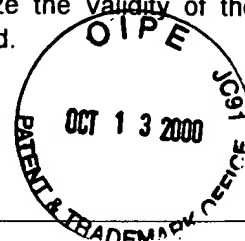
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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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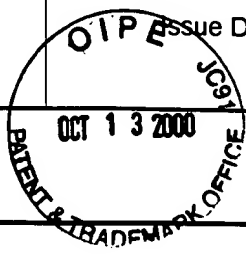
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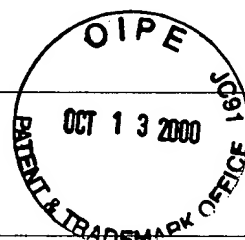
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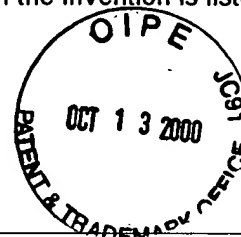
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Applicant/ Scott A. Moskowitz et al. Patentee:			
Invention: <b>UTILIZING DATA REDUCTION IN STEGANOGRAPHIC AND CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS</b>			
<p>I hereby declare that I am:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the owner of the small business concern identified below:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:</p> <p>NAME OF CONCERN: <u>Blue Spike, Inc.</u></p> <p>ADDRESS OF CONCERN: <u>16711 Collins Avenue, #2505, Miami, Florida 33160</u></p> <p>I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.</p> <p>I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the above identified invention described in:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the application identified above.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the patent identified above.</p> <p>If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed on the next page and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).</p>			

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- ☐ no such person, concern or organization exists.  
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